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Change In Street Direction Beginning February 1st

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(January 20, 2005- TROY) Beginning February 1st the access road that connects 4th Street with New 3rd Street running along the north side of the Uncle Sam Parking Garage will change to one way eastbound for traffic flow purposes. The traffic on the street currently flows westbound.

The changes are being made in conjunction with the redevelopment of the Franklin Plaza Inn, where the redesign of the former motel site was completed with the understanding that there would be a change in traffic flow. The changes will commence on February 1st, but new signage will be in place soon and traffic advisories will be placed throughout the central business district.

"This is a relatively small change, but even the smallest of changes can cause confusion," Mayor Harry J Tutunjian said. "I am sure there will be some issues for the first few weeks, but, in the end, this is a positive change for the City, and one that clearly makes sense for future development."

Along with the signage changes and traffic advisories, there will be a temporary sign placed at the street for passing motorists. If anyone has questions on the change they can be addressed by Traffic engineer David Bailey at 270-4567.